

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Food and Drug Administration, after receiving testimony from Peggy Hamburg, Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

### APPROPRIATIONS: GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE, GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE, CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Government Accountability Office (GAO), the Government Printing Office (GPO), and the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office; William J. Boarman, Public Printer, Government Printing Office; and Douglas Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Michael B. Donley, Secretary, and General Norton A. Schwartz, USAF, Chief of Staff, both of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine military construction, environmental, and base closure programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Dorothy Robyn, Deputy Under Secretary for Installations and Environment, Katherine G. Hammack, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment, Jackalyn Pfannenstiel, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations and Environment, and Terry A. Yonkers, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations,

Environment and Logistics, all of the Department of Defense.

### TROUBLED ASSET RELIEF PROGRAM

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), focusing on evaluating returns on taxpayer investments and the status of programs and implementation of the Government Accountability Office recommendations, after receiving testimony from former Senator Ted Kaufman, Chair, Congressional Oversight Panel; Timothy G. Massad, Acting Assistant Secretary for Financial Stability, and Neil Barofsky, Special Inspector General, Troubled Asset Relief Program, both of the Department of the Treasury; and Thomas J. McCool, Director, Applied Research and Methods, Government Accountability Office.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Heather A. Higginbottom, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Kerry, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

### FEDERAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Science and Space concluded a hearing to examine investing in Federal research and development, after receiving testimony from John P. Holdren, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President of the United States; Patrick D. Gallagher, Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology; Subra Suresh, Director, National Science Foundation; and Waleed Abdalati, Chief Scientist, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Kathryn D. Sullivan, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Frances M.D. Gulland, of California, to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission, Ann D. Begeman, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Mario Cordero, of California, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, Philip E. Coyle III, of California, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Rebecca F. Dye, of North Carolina, to be a Federal Maritime

Commissioner, and routine lists in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Corps, and Coast Guard.

#### GLOBAL INVESTMENT TRENDS IN CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine current global investment trends in clean energy technologies and the impact of domestic policies on that investment, after receiving testimony from Ethan Zindler, Bloomberg New Energy Finance, Washington, D.C.; Kelly Sims Gallagher, Tufts University Fletcher School, Medford, Massachusetts; Will Coleman, Mohr Davidow Ventures, Menlo Park, California; and Neil Z. Auerbach, Hudson Clean Energy Partners, Teaneck, New Jersey.

#### CLEAN AIR ACT AND JOBS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety with the Subcommittee on Green Jobs and the New Economy concluded joint hearings to examine the “Clean Air Act” and jobs, after receiving testimony from Mayor Richard P. Homrighausen, City of Dover, Ohio; Barbara Somson, United Auto Workers, and W. David Montgomery, Charles River Associates, both of Washington, D.C.; Paul J. Allen, Constellation Energy, Baltimore, Maryland; and James Yann, Alstom Power, Knoxville, Tennessee.

#### UPRISINGS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine popular uprisings in the Middle East, focusing on the implications for U.S. policy, after receiving testimony from William J. Burns, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs.

#### IMPROPERLY PAID FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery and Intergovernmental Affairs concluded a hearing to examine recouping improperly paid Federal assistance in the aftermath of disasters, after receiving testimony from Elizabeth Zimmerman, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and Matt Jadacki, Assistant Inspector General for Emer-

gency Management Oversight, both of the Department of Homeland Security; and Michael A. Chodos, Deputy General Counsel, and Peggy E. Gustafson, Inspector General, both of the Small Business Administration.

#### FEMA

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine catastrophic preparedness, focusing on if FEMA is ready for the next big disaster, after receiving testimony from Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and Richard L. Skinner, former Inspector General, both of the Department of Homeland Security; and William O. Jenkins, Jr., Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office.

#### PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine health insurance exchanges and ongoing state implementation of the “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act”, after receiving testimony from Steven B. Larsen, Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Utah State Representative David Clark, Santa Clara; Sandy Praeger, Kansas Insurance Commissioner, Lawrence, on behalf of The National Association of Insurance Commissioners; and Joshua Sharfstein, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Baltimore.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of James Michael Cole, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, and Edward Milton Chen, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.